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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 29, 2003, please consider the following remarks. A petition for a four month extension of time, and a check for the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Response to Restriction Requirement, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

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